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MESSAGE:

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/763,916 to Aldcroft et al.

Dear Examiner Kunz:

As you requested by telephone earlier today, faxed herewith are copies of the 892, 1449 and 903 Forms in our file for the above-identified patent application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Best regards,



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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>11 May 01</u> DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	<u>11 May 01</u> DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS
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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 28 Feb 01 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
- ☒ Copy of the international application.
- ☐ Translation of the international application into English.
- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s).
- ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ not been entered.
- ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- ☒ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).
☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.
The Annexes ☒ have ☐ not been entered.
- ☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 28 Feb 01 and _____
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed 28 Feb 01 and _____
- ☒ Assignment document.
- ☒ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
- ☐ Substitute specification filed _____
- ☐ Indication of Small Entity Status.
- ☒ Priority Document.
- ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
- ☐ Other:

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